

Wisconsin Home for Veterans  
415 North Drive (Cottage)  
King  
Waupaca County  
Wisconsin

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Location: 415 North Drive, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 415 North Drive is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a one-story rectangular building with a gable roof covered with green asphalt shingles, a concrete block foundation, and an enclosed front porch. The building measures 16 feet, 4 inches on the front and back walls, and 40 feet, 2 inches on the side walls. The house is covered with clapboard siding, and the front gable peak is covered in wood shingles in a sawtooth pattern. There are two small two-over-two light double-hung sashes on the south wall of the building and large two-over-two light double-hung sashes on the north and south walls of the building. The larger windows are decorated with cornice lintels. (See photographs WI-323-P-1, WI-323-P-2, and WI-323-P-3)

A wood and glass entry door leads to the interior of the cottage. The front room is a living room with a large closet (see photograph WI-323-P-4). Behind the living room is the bedroom and a small bathroom. Behind the bedroom is a kitchen and small rear porch enclosure. The kitchen cabinets have plain painted wood doors and drawer fronts with simple metal hardware. The flooring is oak and the wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings painted white. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the kitchen, toilet, and bathroom. Used as housing for married couples for much of the twentieth century, this cottage is currently vacant and in very poor condition.

History: This cottage was built around 1900. The wooden inscription attached to the front gable peak indicates it was funded by a local GAR post. There are no plans or drawings that indicate it was designed by an architect; rather, it is simply a vernacular, functional cottage used for married couple housing at the Veterans Home. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information in this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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